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From the Executive Director...



Jim McGowan

The big news this issue is Building Safety Month!

But first, it is my pleasure to formally and yes finally introduce our new Deputy Executive Director. For anyone who follows commission activity you are already familiar with Michael Nearman. 'Mike' has long been vital to the day-to-day code cycle process and is typically front and center at all of

the commission meetings. He has the distinction of being with the CBSC longer than any other current staff member including myself. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new role. We are very lucky to have him make the transition to the CBSC leadership team. You can read more about Mike in his profile below.

As I mentioned, Building Safety Month is important news. Certainly for any of us involved in the building industry, safety is paramount. The International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) observes Building Safety Month in May of each year. And this year in support of the foundation's

initiative, CBSC along with other industry organizations is promoting the campaign in California to underscore the importance of building codes for building safety! When all is said and done, safety is unquestionably at the very core of our building codes. We hope that you will support Building Safety Month May 2012 in your office and on your job sites (check out the ICCF website for campaign tools and information: www.iccfoundation.org). Our thanks go out to the Foundation team for their continuous efforts to raise safety awareness in the building industry and beyond.

Regards,

New CBSC Deputy Executive Director...



Michael Nearman

Michael Nearman joined the CBSC over eleven years ago as an Architectural Associate. Since that time he has become a key player in the code development and rulemaking process at the commission.

He has worked closely with all of the state agencies and private sector stakeholders in the development of California's building standards.

'Mike' joined the commission with many years of private sector experience with large architectural firms. He was routinely a job captain or project manager on both commercial and residential projects, managing both the workforce and construction aspects.

The son of a naval

officer, Mike was born in the state of Virginia and lived in several areas of the country before his family settled in California. With brief periods in Long Beach and Alameda his parents ultimately established a home in Marin. Mike pursued his education in the Sacramento region and stayed. He is a dedicated family man and an avid sportsman, something he shares with his sons. Mike lives with his wife of 20 years, and their two boys in Elk Grove, California.



Education & Outreach

CBSC Launches Building Safety Month 2012 at the Green Summit!

The International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) recognizes and emphasizes the critical importance of building codes during a month long international celebration of safe and sensible structures in May of each year. The CBSC is pleased to support the ICCF in its efforts to promote building code safety awareness and education.

The Foundation divides the campaign into four distinct areas:

Week 1 Energy & Green Building

Week 2 Disaster Safety & Mitigation

Week 3 Fire Safety & Awareness

Week 4 Backyard Safety

Building Safety Month recognizes all aspects of building safety that help families,



business and government leaders, and individuals understand and appreciate the building codes and best practices that keep the places where we live, work and play...safe. Visit the ICCF website, www.iccf-foundation.org for more information on Building Safety Month May 2012, and access to educational materials and e-toolkits to assist you in joining the campaign!



We'll see you at the
Summit!



California Green Summit and Exposition

April 26-27, 2012

Sacramento Convention Center

The CBSC, Department of Housing and Community Development, and Department of General Services- Division of the State Architect personnel will host **Booth #507** at the California Green Summit and Exposition. Please stop by with any code questions and to hear more about Building Safety Month.

For more information about the summit and registration details visit
www.green-technology.org



...goes to Washington!

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For more information contact the commission at cbssc@dgs.ca.gov or call Cynthia Biedermann, 916-263-1330.



Do you know your building code history?

Take our Code Quiz!

1. The California State Division of Safety was created in:
 - A. 1913
 - B. 1901
 - C. 1954
 - D. 1927
2. The Field Act became law as a legislative response to the Long Beach earthquake in 1933. The Act assigned responsibility for the design and construction of public schools to the State Architect. True or False?
3. The first public building law enacted in California was called the State Tenement Housing Act. True or False?
4. Early attempts to unify building codes on a national level occurred in:
 - A. 1890
 - B. 1905
 - C. 1961
 - D. 1952
5. What year did the Uniform Building Code (UBC) establish building code consistency in California?
 - A. 1927
 - B. 1974
 - C. 1958
 - D. None of the above.

Answers may be found at the bottom of page 4.

Visit the [History](#) page on the CBSC website for more about the development of California building codes and the commission.

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CBSC News!



- Next Code Adoption Cycle is in full swing ([view timeline](#))
- [Code Advisory Committees](#) go to work on the 2013 Triennial Codes (effective 2014) this summer.
- Architectural Associate, [Mia Marvelli](#) joins CBSC staff.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE...

Each legislative session hundreds of bills are introduced in the California State Legislature. Some of these bills address issues that relate to the design or construction of buildings in California, and some deal specifically with the California Building Standards Commission.

Following is a list of some of the bills, which have been introduced thus far in the 2011-2012 legislative session:

- [AB 1612](#) (Lara); Administrative Practices;
- [AB 1627](#) (Dickinson); Environmental quality: building standards: vehicle miles traveled;
- [AB 1959](#) (Williams); Building standards; green building standards: toxic air contaminants;
- [AB 2030](#) (Olsen); Building standards: press boxes;
- [AB 2114](#) (Smyth); Swimming pool safety;
- [AB 2135](#) (Blumenfield); Building standards: solar distributed general technology on residential and commercial property;
- [AB 2525](#) (Smyth); Appliances: tankless water heater venting materials;
- [AB 2644](#) (Butler); Building standards: electric vehicle charging stations;
- [AB 2697](#) (Committee on Housing and Community Development); Building standards;
- [AB 1750](#) (Solorio); Rainwater Capture Act of 2012;
- [SB 1394](#) (Lowenthal); Carbon monoxide devices; and
- [SCR 57](#) (Vargas); Building standards.

2012 Commission Meetings*

April 18, [Agenda](#)

July 19

October 17

*Meeting dates are subject to change; watch the CBSC website, www.bsc.ca.gov for updates and meeting agendas.

Commission meetings are webcast at: www.dca.ca.gov/stream/audiocast.aspx

Code Quiz Answers: 1) A; 2) True; 3) True; 4) B; 5) A.

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